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Hear The Baptist Hour



Dr. Roy O. McClain, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., has been named speaker on the "Baptist Hour" for the last quarter in 1954.

An extremely popular preacher in Atlanta, Dr. McClain held student pastorates in his home state of South Carolina and Indiana before going to the First Church of Orangeburg. He left that church for his present pastorate.

The new "Baptist Hour" preacher served in the U. S. Army during World War II as a chaplain.

A member of the Radio and Television Commission, Dr. McClain was one of the first preachers in the nation to utilize the medium of a closed television circuit through which to preach to overflow crowds in his church. His church services now are televised each Sunday morning in Atlanta, the time paid for by his church.

Dr. McClain has a broad educational background which includes a B. A. degree from Furman University, a master's in accounting degree from Carolina Commercial College, and the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Seminary.

Stations in Mississippi carrying the Baptist Hour are:

WDOB, Canton, 5 p. m.; WGLC, Centerville, 1:30 p. m.; WCLD, Cleveland, 5 p. m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p. m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p. m.; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 p. m.; WAPF McComb, 9:00 a. m.; WCOC Meridian, 4 p. m.; WPMP Pascagoula, 4:30 p. m.; WRJW, Picayune, 1 p. m.; WCJU, Columbia, and WELO, Tupelo.

A Catechism Of Bible Teaching

BY DR. JOHN A. BROADUS
LESSON VII. THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST

1. What was Christ's chief work as Saviour? Christ died and rose again for his people. 2 Cor. 5:15; Rom. 4:25.
2. Did Christ voluntarily allow himself to be slain? Yes, Christ laid down his life of himself. John 10:17, 18.
3. Was this Christ's design in coming into the world? Our Lord says that he came "to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45.
4. For what purpose did the loving God give his only Son? God gave his only Son "that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16.
5. How could Christ's dying give us life? Christ took our place and died like a sinner, that we might take his place and be righteous in him. 2 Cor. 5:21.
6. Was it right that the just should die for the unjust? The Saviour was not compelled, but chose, to die for the benefit of others.
7. Is it right for God to pardon men because the Saviour died? God declares it to be right for him to pardon men if they seek salvation only through Christ. Rom. 3:26.
8. May a man go on in sin, and expect to be saved through Christ's atoning death? No, we must live for Him who died for us. 2 Cor. 5:15.
9. Is salvation offered to all men through the atonement of Christ? Yes, salvation is offered to all, and all are saved who really take Christ for their Saviour. Ezek. 18:23; 2 Pet. 3:9.
10. What is Christ now doing for men's salvation? Christ is interceding.

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TURNING OUR ATTENTION UNITEDLY TO STEWARDSHIP

Baptists Still Suffering Persecution In Brazil

RIO—(ANS)—The following telegram was received last week by Dr. Almir Goncalves, Baptist editor in Rio de Janeiro:

Amazonas Baptist Convention, meeting in Parintins, Amazonas, July 25 to 28, suffered terrible persecution by local population. Local Baptist and Evangelical churches plundered and dynamited, latter almost completely destroyed. Christian's homes threatened with destruction. Dr. Erodice Queiroz (pastor from the city of Sao Paulo who was holding evangelistic meetings in connection with the convention) forced to flee to Manaus. Police and local authorities taking strict measures but unable to contain fury of persecutors. Please send urgent copy this telegram to president of Brazilian Baptist Convention and inform President of Republic and Department of Justice. Threats and plundering continue nightly. Signed, Eduardo Lessa, president Amazonas Baptist Convention.

Also in July the Minas-Gerais Baptist Convention, meeting in the city of Montes Claros, was molested during three consecutive

Baton Rouge Pastor Suggests Plans

BY J. NORRIS PALMER

Southern Baptists have learned much in recent years concerning the advantage of doing things together. Our Calendar of Denominational Activities has greatly helped us along this line. It is only natural that we think and plan in harmony with one another and with most other Christians at Easter, on Mother's Day, at Christmas and at other such times, but it has come to mean a great deal to us to have Christian Education Month, a Christian Home Week, a fixed time for state mission emphasis, another for home mission emphasis and still another for presenting the claims and opportunities involved in our foreign mission program.

Now we are discovering something of the high value of turning our attention unitedly to stewardship, and of doing so at a time definitely and carefully planned for by our Convention-wide leaders. The period chosen and the plan proposed are intended for the use of our churches in teaching, enlisting, and training in Christian stewardship in its fullest and most complete form.

This year, under the heading of Stewardship Revival for 1954, we are to observe "ABC Days." The time agreed upon is the week beginning with the last day of October and continuing through the

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Minnesota Baptists Hit Ecumenical Movement

Minneapolis, Minn. —(NS) — The Minnesota Baptist Convention, in annual session here, went on record against what it called religious unity efforts of the World Council of Churches.

The Convention, with 102 member-churches in Minnesota, adopted a resolution labeling as "extreme pessimists" those "who wail about fragmentation in Protestantism, unnecessary duplication, wasteful competition and the un-Christian example to the world of the many denominations."

"We recognize that the paramount danger of an ecumenical union movement is that it becomes much easier to stifle, steal and destroy religious freedom when it is deposited in one big universal Church," the resolution said.

It extolled the "value of wholesome competition, higher efficiency of smaller groups, the passion for truth and God's will that engenders fragmentation instead of indifference to truth that engenders union."

Encouraging Reports Show Great Stewardship Revival

Encouraging reports from the associational stewardship chairmen over the state indicate a great stewardship revival is in prospect for this fall, it has been revealed by Rev. Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion.

Two more associations, George and Jackson, have reported 100 per cent enlistment for their revival, joining Perry, already reporting 100 per cent participation.

Several associations have reported "practically 100 per cent" participation, including Jones, Lauderdale, Jeff Davis, and Clay.

A number of associations have declared they will have more than one-half of their churches engaged in the Stewardship Revival, including Washington, Rankin, Attala,

and others.

Nine associations have reported as already holding their stewardship rallies with five others having reported the setting of dates for theirs.

It is felt that many others are making plans but have not reported them.

In many associations a full-scale simultaneous campaign is being planned, using the suggested date, Oct. 31-Nov. 7.

In others another date is being planned. In some the various churches will use the date most convenient to them.

In some associations a two-week simultaneous campaign is being planned with one association using a three-week period.

Billy Graham Begins Crusade In New Orleans On October 3

The Billy Graham Crusade for Greater New Orleans will be held October 3-31. All meetings will be in the Pelican Stadium except on Sundays, October 24, and October 31. These will be held in the Tulane "Sugar Bowl" Stadium.

The services are expected to draw large crowds of people from the metropolitan area of Greater New Orleans, as well as from distant points. An important phase of the campaign has been designated as, "Operation Andrew." By this plan, church, civic, industrial, and community groups from far and near will either come by special trains, buses, or in car caravans.

Several hundred have already been enlisted from Baton Rouge; others are coming from Mobile, Jackson, Mississippi, and as far away as Birmingham, Alabama.

Neither Dr. Graham nor the team receive any honorarium or love gifts but are paid salaries by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Minneapolis. The local Crusade reimburses the Association for salaries of the team except Dr. Graham for the time they are in New Orleans. Dr. Graham receives no love offerings and no gift from the local Crusade, only his modest salary paid by the Association.



Turning Our

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first six days of November. Two plans have been worked out, both of which have been widely publicized among our pastors and other local leaders.

When we speak of the ABC's of any matter we usually refer to its basic and most strictly fundamental principles.

That is just what is involved in this newest approach to Bible stewardship. We are to study and magnify the simple but profound truths upon which this all-important doctrine of the Christian faith is built. Nothing could prove more helpful to the vast majority of our people, for we seem to have learned far more about almost everything else than we have concerning our stewardship of life, talents and possessions.

We can only feel that every Southern Baptist church should observe these special days and make the most of them. Literature is available in abundance, the time is right and the development of a deepened stewardship conviction upon the part of our people is imperative. Whole-hearted participation in this challenging phase of our denominational program will result in the growth of individual Christians and the strengthening of churches, to say nothing of an immediate advance with every phase of world missions.

J. Norris Palmer, pastor, First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., is chairman of the Promotion Committee of the Executive Committee of the SBC.

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A Catechism Of

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ing for all those who trust in his atonement. Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34.
ADVANCED QUESTIONS

(a) Is the atonement of Christ sufficient for all men? The atonement of Christ is sufficient for all, and would actually save all if they would repent and believe. John 1:29; 3:17; 1 John 2:2; 4:14.

(b) Does God desire the salvation of all men? God "wishes all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth, 1 Tim. 2:4.

(c) If any who hear the gospel are not saved, can they justly complain? No, they cannot justly complain, for if they wished it, and would believe, they might be saved.

(d) Are the heathen, who never heard the gospel, condemned for not believing it? No, the heathen are judged by the light they have and are condemned for violating the law that is written in their hearts. Rom. 1:20; 2:14.

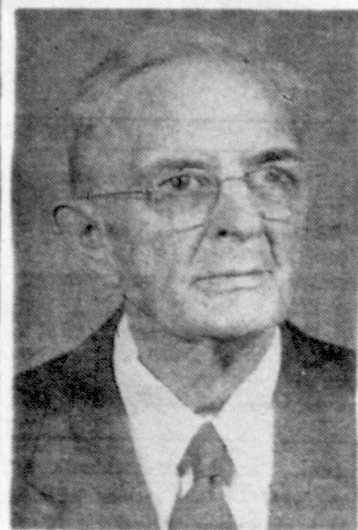
(e) Will God punish those who have not heard the gospel as severely as those who hear and reject it? No, those who have not the gospel will be punished for disregarding what they know, or might know, of the true God. Rom. 2:13, 3:23.

(f) Has God commanded his people to proclaim salvation to all men? Yes, God commands his people to proclaim salvation to all men. Matt. 28:19; Rom. 10:13-15.

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Christians need not fear death—it is but a new experience with their Lord.

To fail to prepare is to prepare to fail.

Low Physically,
High Spiritually

Twenty-five years ago I came to Mississippi to engage in cooperation with religious forces in a war on liquor, Satan's most effective means of deceiving, defeating, and destroying men for whom our Lord died.

Now retired because of a weakened heart I hope and pray that I may recover fully (and become active again) I write to express appreciation of the cooperation and support given. I have many happy memories. I am grateful for the privilege in the earlier years of speaking to thousands of young people in the schools. I had many expressions of appreciation from parents as well as many, many students.

For victories won by the Lord's people in legislatures, I am truly thankful. Many were won through the earnest prayers of the good people.

We now face a critical time in our beloved state. The fight must be carried on intensively and aggressively, if we hold the enviable place we now hold—one of only two states which have resisted successfully, all effort to legalize liquor.

More intensive effort will be made to break down our liquor laws. The siren song, "We have liquor anyway, why not legalize it and get the revenue?" will be heard on every side. There is abundant evidence that there is no revenue in liquor.

Many victories won through the years were, I sincerely believe, in answer to the prayers of the Lord's people. Our Lord taught us to pray "Thou wilt be done on earth as it is in heaven." His Will is righteous, and if his Will that righteousness be done on earth. James writes, (5-16) "The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working." John wrote (1 John 3-8) "To this end was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." He works through His people to accomplish His purpose. We have, therefore, an inescapable obligation as followers of the Christ to work and to pray. He will give us victory if we work and pray.

Will you not join other consecrated followers of our Lord in a pledge to pray daily that He will continue to give us victory over the devil in his most destructive means of destroying men whom our Lord loves supremely, and for whom He

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS

By DR. W. R. CULLOM

It is in harmony with God's creative process. Whatever theory of creation you might adopt and hold to, certainly God's creative process began with inorganic matter. There came a time when in some way, inorganic matter became living matter. At some other time and in some way again consciousness was brought into this living matter. At yet some other time conscience, the power to discriminate between two courses of action in life, was brought in. Each of these marvelous phenomena, it seems to me, is just as wonderful as is the Virgin Birth of Jesus. In fact it seems to me that the series of phenomena that I have named is incomplete until some such personality has been brought into existence that incarnates what John calls The Logos (Jn. 1:1 & 14). So for my part the doctrine of the Virgin Birth does not bother me at all.

Two of our Gospels teach it (Matt. 1:18-23; Luke 1:26-35). Many people say the other books of the New Testament are silent about it. Of course it is not stated in the other books so definitely as it is in the two that I have named. At the same time, there are several places where the doctrine seems to me to be taken for granted in the New Testament. At any rate, again, we have good authority for claiming that "in the mouth of two witnesses every word shall be established."

His personality, his marvelous works, and the wonderful stream of power and influence that has come from Him and continues to come from Him demonstrate beyond all question that He is infinitely greater than any ordinary person. This of course would not prove the Virgin Birth but where such statements are made as referred to above, these facts certainly serve to strengthen such statements.

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American Baptists Merge
Two Home Mission Groups

NEW YORK (RNS) — A plan for integration of the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society and the American Baptist Home Mission Society, (Northern Baptist groups) was approved by the boards of the two agencies at a joint meeting here.

Present parallel departments of work would be integrated to eliminate duplication, and a new and as yet unnamed department would be added. The latter will be headed by a woman secretary as official representative of the two agencies in the presentation of the general home missions viewpoint at denominational and interdenominational gatherings.

died. If you will make such a pledge or rather covenant to pray daily, I shall be glad to have you write me at my home address, 170 Frederica Avenue, Jackson, saying that you join in the pledge with others to pray daily.

Again expressing sincere appreciation of the cooperation and support through the years, I am,

Faithfully,
N. S. Jackson

CHANGES AMONG THE
CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG

Called and Accepted:
J. C. Watkins, Smithville, Texas, from Lott Memorial, Goliad, Texas.

Billy Carter, Deanfield, Ky., Student, Southern Seminary.

Truitt Miller, First, Providence, Ky., from First, Danville, Ky.

Paul R. Flynn, Missionary, West Union Association, Ky., from Audubon, Henderson, Ky.

Floyd Harris, Southside, Shreveport, La. from San Angelo, Texas.

E. L. Vance, Omaha, Texas, from Rio Hondo, Texas.

M. E. Thorn, Calvary, Lubbock, Texas from First, Panhandle, Tex.

Roy W. Womble, Union, Snyder, Texas from Five Mile Church, Lamesa, Texas.

Edgar Marcantel, First, Starks, Louisiana.

J. Roy Crosby, Labelle, Florida.

F. G. Schlafer, Woodlawn, Birmingham, Alabama, from First, Padukah, Kentucky.

Howard Collins, First, Donaldsonville, Georgia, from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

E. C. Brown, First, McAlester, Oklahoma, from First, Blytheville, Arkansas.

James P. Rogers, First, Valdosta, Georgia, from First, Winter Haven, Florida.

George Trusler, Sharon Church, Fountain City, Tennessee, from First, Blue Ridge, Georgia.

Brooks Ramsey, Curtis Church, Augusta, Georgia, from First, Maryville, Georgia.

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Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO—

Pastor Joel D. Rice baptized forty-five into the fellowship of the Cascilla Church, Tallahatchie County, at the close of their annual revival meeting.

The Antioch Church, Warren County, had twelve accessions from a meeting of days in which Pastor W. E. Farr was assisted by Rev. Homer H. Webb.

40 YEARS AGO—

Pastor James A. Nation reports 25 having been baptized into the fellowship of the Bethel Baptist Church, "a new church two miles out from Drew," at the close of "a glorious, gracious good meeting in which Rev. J. E. Kinsey of Clinton preached."

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No Unity At Evanston

From time to time we have carried articles concerning the World Council of Churches which met in Evanston, Illinois August 15-31. We printed these articles as matters of information. It is well known to our readers that we do not believe that Southern Baptists have a place in the World Council of Churches. We are willing to cooperate with any and all in every worthwhile object but to tie our churches to an over-all ecclesiastical body where beliefs and practices are as varied as the colors of the rainbow just won't work—certainly not for Southern Baptists.

Since the World Council's organization we have heard and read that this super-colossal organization was to be heaven on earth and that the Evanston meeting would bring constituent groups closer to organic union. It wasn't Eutopian nor did it bring them closer.

Here are a few samples:

1. The hoped-for "open communion" fellowship for all became several separate services held according to the rites of the Methodists, Anglican, Lutheran, Orthodox, and South Indian churches. Some attended none for doctrinal reasons.

2. Dr. Visser 'T Hooft, General Secretary, in his opening address said, "It is completely erroneous to suggest that the World Council has any ambitions to become a super-church." In almost the same breath he said, "But the Council can and must work to create a situation in which there is so much in common between the churches that there is no adequate reason for them to remain separate from each other."

3. The Council could not agree on the proper interpretation of the assembly theme, "Christ — the Hope of the World." Some said it meant present hope, others said it concerned the world to come.

4. Dispute over the Second Coming.

5. The conversion of the Jews.

6. Archbishop Michael's flat repudiation of the whole approach to Christian unity.

7. The deep emotion stirred by the first hearing of the message was quickly shattered when blocks of DELEGATES voted NO.

Below we give some extracts from the Christian Century, always in favor of union and certainly no friend of the Baptist position.

"These were grim disunities which the World Council has hardly even begun to dissolve.

"The personal fellowship at Evanston was not the kind of fellowship that can reach out beyond a meeting to



Gather the family together—around the Baptist Record

bring divided congregations and denominations together.

"Evanston will not be remembered for having carried forward the cause of Christian unity.

"Evanston, we dare hope, could thus come to be remembered as the place where the World Council discovered how quickly the impulse to Christian unity in action could be sidetracked and reduced to impotence by a demand for prior theological agreement. If four more assemblies handle theological or dogmatic themes as badly as this one did, the outlook is not encouraging. Give the World Council about four more such theological or dogmatic main themes—say, the nature of biblical authority in 1960, the nature of the church in 1966, the nature of salvation in 1972 and the creedal basis of the Council's own being in 1978—and if the world itself hasn't blown up by that time the Council almost certainly will.

"But Evanston also struck a note of warning that should not be ignored. The warning was wrapped up in the change which it felt necessary to make in the Message. As first proposed it would have contained the electric words: 'SIX YEARS AGO OUR CHURCHES ENTERED INTO A COVENANT TO FORM THIS COUNCIL, AND AFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO STAY TOGETHER. WE THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSING ON OUR WORK AND FELLOWSHIP DURING THESE SIX YEARS. WE ENTER NOW UPON A SECOND STATE. TO STAY TOGETHER IS NOT ENOUGH. WE MUST GROW TOGETHER.' When the assembly finally adopted its Message those final words had been watered down to 'We must go forward.' It was a change big with warning.

"When all that is granted, however, the impression remains that some mistakes were made at Evanston which further complicated the theological debate and further qualified its results. The choice of the main theme itself is now seen to have been as unhappy as earlier criticism suggested.

"For misinterpreted they must have been: at least, nothing much came of the consideration. The discussion itself, sometimes mentioned as its own justification, alternately alarmed and amused but apparently did not change any minds. The advisory committee's report came to the assembly unaltered saying, 'This is what The Hope is.' The assembly, through Bishop Lilje's committee, adds a rider saying, 'Oh, no, it isn't.' Schlink and Calhoun convinced only those who already shared their convictions.

"Almost every Evanston speaker at least implicitly, and usually explicitly, appealed to the Bible, but each with a different conception of its authority and

a different principle of its interpretation.

"There was a mechanical factor which worked against theological finesse at Evanston. That was the whole business of voting on spiritual issues. Just what else could have been is not clear, and no blame attaches anywhere for this incongruity. But something is wrong when the second coming of Christ is put to a vote. Plainly, theology's service of the Word of God is not a parliamentary procedure. It is probably more a prayerful, disputatious waiting on the Holy Spirit and his consensus. That is the way the old councils did it, and they sat for years wrangling and waiting. In matters of doctrine, even for the Holy Spirit seventeen days is not enough for significant movement.

"The outstanding example of this tendency is Eastern Orthodoxy. Its representatives at Evanston considered it necessary to draft and proclaim a separate statement of their position on the main theme and another on the report of the Faith and Order section, and to have these statements read to the assembly by Archbishop Michael, the head of their delegation. Their observations on the main theme constituted a contribution of importance to the discussion of the assembly, and were gratefully accepted on their merits. But their repudiation of the Faith and Order report was of a different spirit. It left some people wondering why, if they held these views, they wished to continue in the assembly.

"The Orthodox delegates declared that 'the whole approach (in the World Council's report) to the problem of reunion is entirely unacceptable from the standpoint of the Orthodox Church.'

And Editor E. P. Murchison, editor of the Christian Index, official publication of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, complains that only two Negroes are on the World Council Central Committee.

Mechanical unity sounds good but real unity can only come when there is unity of belief and practice. The World Council doesn't have that.

P. S. A late news item quotes Bishop Janos Peter of the Hungarian Reformed Church as charging in a speech to the Hungarian Parliament that "certain American political figures and official organs" employed "crude machinations to confuse us" at the recent World Council of Churches Assembly at Evanston, Illinois.

Our Annual Appeal

Since we became editor in 1941, we have made an annual appeal to all the Boards, committees and individuals to publicize any new matter that will come before the meeting of the state convention in its session in Jackson in November. We renew that appeal. It is not fair to introduce some new matter and expect the people to act on it within a few minutes. Therefore we urge anyone who is planning to introduce resolutions or ask for action that will cause any change to publicize these proposals in the Baptist Record. And the sooner the better.

If everyone who has something new to propose waits until the week before or two weeks before the convention, we will not have space for them. Therefore, send them now.

As we have emphasized many times before, if our Conventions are worth while they deserve the very best thought.

The usual custom is for a report to be distributed, a few remarks are made explaining the meaning of the report and accompanying recommendations. The vote is then taken with at least one-half of the people not knowing what they are voting for. Serious and careful consideration under such circumstances is impossible. Let's publicize these things.

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Our Readers Write

HE MISSES FELLOWSHIP

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

The Record always arrives. Usually it is right on time. I think we would be lost without it. I read it first, always. I soak up news from Mississippi like a sponge soaks up water—Baptist news, that is, and the Baptist Record has it. Don't ever let it stop.

The editorial column grows better and better.

I do miss the fellowship with you Baptist leaders there that I have enjoyed through the years.

VIRGIL RATCLIFF,
Nashville, Tenn.

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Sparks & Splinters

The publication founded by Dr. J. Frank Norris in 1917 and named The Fundamentalists will suspend publication this month according to a vote of its directors. Present indebtedness is in excess of \$4,000. A notice in a recent issue says, "Unless the readers of this paper and officers of the Fellowship respond immediately in a tremendous financial way, we will suspend publication until some future indefinite date. Throughout its existence the paper devoted much time and space to needling Southern Baptists. At times its accusations bordered on libel.

It was a teacher-pupil deal at Calhoun City during the revival meeting held August 22-September 1. The evangelist was Dr. O. W. Yates, now pastor of the Rosemont Church, Lexington, Kentucky. Pastor C. H. Cutrell had been a student under Dr. Yates when Dr. Yates was on the faculty at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. There were 24 additions, 12 by baptism, and 12 by letter.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: M. R. Carpenter, Brookhaven; Mrs. George Katool and Delores Katool, Jackson; Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, Krole.

Dr. and Mrs. John Allen Moore, Southern Baptist missionaries stationed at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Switzerland who are in the States on furlough, have moved from Macon, Ga., to Louisville, Ky., where they may be addressed at 2801 Lexington Road. Dr. Moore is serving as visiting professor of missions at Carver School of Missions and Social Work. He is a native of Clarksdale, and he and Mrs. Moore make their permanent American home in Tupelo.

Twenty thousand members of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., meeting in the Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis, Missouri, for their seventy-fourth annual session last week re-elected their president, J. H. Jackson of Chicago and the National Baptist Convention of America, meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, re-elected Green L. Prince for his twenty-second term as president.

PONCA CITY, Okla. (BP)—Stephen Jackson Ivie may be the youngest person ever enrolled in a Sunday school. At any rate, in future years he can brag about having been a member since he was six minutes old. His mother Mrs. George Ivie, is a Cradle Roll worker at Ranch Drive Baptist Church, Ponca City, so it seemed only natural to take along a membership card when she went to the hospital. And it isn't everybody who can say he joined a Sunday school at the hour of 1:30 in the morning, either!

BERKELEY, Calif. (BP). Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., began its fall session recently with 226 students registered. One hundred sixty-seven of these are ministerial students. They come from twenty-seven states, the District of Columbia, and Hawaii, as well as three foreign countries. Eighty-nine colleges are represented in this year's enrollment, with eighty-four of the students attending Golden Gate for the first time.

CINCINNATI, Ohio — More Christmas Cards featuring religious designs will be sent in '54 than ever before, is the prediction of Robert H. Stoddard, Vice-President of The Gibson Art Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Chairman of The National Association of Greeting Card Publishers. Stoddard bases his opinion on the success his company has enjoyed in swaying public preference towards reverent Christmas Cards. He said: "When planning the Gibson Christmas Card lines for '53, our Company decided to set an example for the greeting card industry and take leadership in the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' movement. Greatly encouraged by last year's success in leading our industry in the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' movement," Stoddard emphasized, "we have planned for an even larger number of 1954 Gibson Christmas Cards in the spirit of the First Christmas."

LEXINGTON, Ky (RNS) — Mrs. Glenn G. Hays of Ransom, Kan., wife of a Kansas wheat and cattle rancher, was elected to a second term as president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union at its 80th annual convention here. The W.C.T.U. headquarters is at Evanston, Ill. A former recording secretary of the organization, Mrs. Hays, 58, was its vice-president-at-large when first elected president last year.

Moderately difficult anthems for mixed voices published by Lorenz Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio, include HAND IN HAND WITH GOD (18 cents); A SONG OF THANKSGIVING (18 cents); A STORY OF ADORATION (18 cents); IN THE CATHEDRAL OF MY HEART (18 cents); PRAISE BE TO GOD (18 cents); LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED (18 cents); IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH (18 cents); MY GOD AND KING! (18 cents); PRAISE YE THE LORD (18 cents); THE NINETEENTH AND NINE (20 cents); JESUS, MEET AND LOWLY (15 cents). Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

This may not be new but it is certainly unusual. In the Gaston Church in Prentiss County is a woman who has eight children. Five are married and have families. One lives in Washington state, two in Detroit, one in Memphis, and one in Prentiss County. The other children and the husband live in the Gaston community. On a recent Sunday she and all of her children and her eight grandchildren and son-in-law were at church. Please note that the children didn't stay at home while the mother went to church. Nor did the mother stay home to prepare dinner. Rev. Hayward Moore is the pastor.

Churches or choir directors seeking good musical numbers should investigate the line published by Lorenz Publishing Company of Dayton, Ohio. Among the difficult octave anthems for mixed voices are JESUS SHALL REIGN (18 cents); OUR HOPE IS IN THE EVERLASTING (18 cents); JESUS PRICELESS TREASURE (18 cents); JESUS, JOY OF LOVING HEARTS (15 cents); THREE WILL I LOVE (18 cents); BLESSED BE THOU (20 cents); WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES (18 cents); SOLDIERS OF CHRIST! ARISE! (18 cents). Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

IN BIOGRAPHICAL PREACHING FOR TODAY Dr. Andrew W. Blackwood shows that the preacher's pre-eminent source for biographies is the Bible. He tells how famous preachers of the past have used the biographical method. He shows the preacher of today how to use imagination, how to prepare his sermon, and how to test its usefulness in building the kingdom of God. Throughout this book Dr. Blackwood gives a number of titles, texts, and brief outlines for sermons about Bible personalities. He points out that illustrations can be drawn from secular biography. And every biographical sermon, says the author, should lead to consideration of the greatest biography of all—that of our Lord Jesus. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee, for \$3.

4,000 SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS, edited by Elon Foster, is "an omnibus of classic sermon illustrations gathered from the writings of noted religious leaders and writers of the ages". The illustrations are arranged for immediate reference under more than 1,200 alphabetically arranged topics. There are, for example, 110 illustrations under the heading of death, 21 under the heading of drinking and drunkenness, 22 under fear, 26 under hope, 68 on prayer. Others illustrate honesty, conversion, stewardship, suffering, war, etc. There are quotations from Beecher, Spurgeon, Luther, Burns, Milton, Brooks, Newton, Bonar, Bacon, Rutherford, and others. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan for \$5.95.

A CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO PHILOSOPHY, by Dr. Warren C. Young, Van Kampen Press Publishing Company, Wheaton, Illinois. (Cloth Bound, 256 pages, \$4.00). To help combat the increase of materialism and atheistic philosophical views, particularly among college students, Dr. Warren C. Young, professor of Philosophy of Religion at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, gives a clear, concise view of modern philosophical concepts in the light of the Bible. The book compels Christians to create a new interest in the world of philosophy and not leave it to secular interpreters. "Christian realism," the author states, "offers the best possible medium to understand the world we live in." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher.

For those who believe that the material rather than the spiritual values of life are overemphasized today THE INAUGURAL MESSAGE OF THE KING, a brief exposition of the Sermon on the Mount, will prove a source of solace and comfort. The author, W. E. Henson, a Baptist minister from Oklahoma, is convinced that this passage of Scripture represents the greatest sermon literature ever written and that the world today is greatly in need of the message found therein. Order this genuinely sincere, clearly written devotional book from the Baptist Book Store or from the Vantage Press, 120 West 31 Street, New York 1, New York for \$2.

CHURCHES COMMITTED IN REVIVAL CRUSADE

(Continued from last week)

In addition to the list published last week the following churches have made plans to cooperate in the simultaneous revival in 1955. Here are the names of the associations, churches, pastors, and their evangelists.

PERRY:

New Augusta, B. Aaron Foy; Brewer, Judson Chastain;

PIKE:

Progress, W. Morgan Patterson; Osyka, Clyde C. Rogers; Price St. (McComb), Francis Gehring;

PONTOTOC:

Thaxton, Partee Tutor;

RANKIN:

Pelahatchie, J. F. Stanford;

Brandon, First, Carey Cox, pastor & evangelist;

RIVERSIDE:

West Marks, C. H. Nelson, pastor & evangelist; Lyon, Charles H. Skutt, Claybron Deering; Lambert 1st, Jos. A. Mayer, Gene Garrison;

SCOTT:

Ludlow, Nat Mayhall, David Grant; Forest, J. F. Brantley, L. L. King; New Home, R. H. Daniel, pastor & evangelist; Harperville, James Fancher;

SHARKEY-ISSAQUENA:

Issaquena 1st, James M. Snowden, Grady Goodman, Jr.; Rolling Fork, D. D. Satterwhite, Barney Walker;

SMITH:

Raleigh, O. B. Robertson;

SIMPSON:

Pleasant Hill, Milton E. Scott, pastor and evangelist; Calvary, James A. Pierce, pastor & evangelist; Magee, J. B. Smith; Mendenhall, N. F. Davis, Jr., F. K. Horton;

SUNFLOWER:

Dockery, Jerry W. Robinson, Jr.; Ruleville, M. G. Reedy, John Mattox; Drew, David R. Grant, Charles Jolly.

TALLAHATCHIE:

Charleston 1st, L. P. Leavell, R. Q. Leavell; Webb, J. S. Riser, Jr., Chester L. Quarles; Tutwiler 1st, Earl C. Edwards, pastor and evangelist;

TATE:

Ebenezer, Charles O. Pate, George Hern;

UNION:

Port Gibson, A. A. Ward, M. Glenn Smith; Cranfield, Horace Carpenter; Fayette, Albert V. Clark, Jr.; Washington, Ellis I. Smith.

WARREN:

Northside (Vicksburg), R. J. Sanderson; Vicksburg 1st, John G. McCall; Grace, J. A. Hollaway;

WASHINGTON:

Hollandale, Mark Ferges;

WAYNE:

Waynesboro, First, E. F. Hicks.

WINSTON:

Louisville 1st, James H. Fairchild, Chester Swor; Ellison Ridge, Olyn F. Roberts; Evergreen, W. L. Yeatman, pastor & evangelist; Hünze, Hugh Smith, pastor & evangelist; Oak Grove, Hugh Smith, pastor & evangelist;

YAZOO:

Yazoo City 1st, W. C. Fields, Angel Martinez; Oil City, James W. Carpenter.

ZION:

Eupora 1st, Woodrow W. Herrin, H. D. Jordan.

There is no reason to conclude that these are all who have voted

RIDGECREST, JACKSON, ANNOUNCES REVIVAL



C. R. FLINT

According to the pastor, Rev. Fred Tarpley, the Ridgecrest Church Jackson, will be engaged in a revival Oct. 3-10.

Dr. Cort R. Flint, Administrative Assistant, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be the evangelist.

Ralph H. Young, evangelistic singer, will have charge of the music.

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BROADMOOR, JACKSON HAS HARVEST REVIVAL

Broadmoor Church, Jackson, just closed a Harvest Revival, with the pastor, Rev. L. G. Sansing doing the preaching.

Earl McLeod, Mississippi College, led the singing. The revival closed September 26 and the men of the church are contacting the members in the interest of a \$125,000 Building Fund.

During the next three years the church hopes to raise the above amount to be used on additional buildings.

The first unit of the additional space will be started within a few weeks to be completed in 90 days.

to participate. This is just the start of reports. Others will be coming in.

If your church has not voted to be a part of this greatest soul-winning crusade since Jesus left Olivet, get busy at once setting the date and selecting your evangelist. Probably your own pastor should preach in that revival next spring. Invite him to do it. If he wants an outside pastor or evangelist to preach, invite his choice. Later might be too late to secure him. Have a church business meeting and vote upon these important matters at once.

The dates are March 8-20, and March 27-April 10, 1955. Associations crossed by Highway 80 and those south of 80, are in the zone of first date. Associations north of those crossed by Highway 80, are in the second date, beginning March 27.

Report the church vote to your state Director of Evangelism, giving date, and name of your evangelist.

Brotherhood Department

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary
JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

SECOND WEEK OF BROTHERHOOD CLINICS

Rev. Troy Prince, pastor, Carthage Baptist Church, Joel Ray, Royal Ambassador Secretary and W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood Secretary will be the speakers for the second week of the 20 Brotherhood Clinics which are being held from September 27-October 29. They are to speak at the following meetings:

- October 4—Calhoun City.
- October 5—First, Columbus.
- October 7—First, Kosciusko.
- October 8—First, Yazoo City.

THE BROTHERHOOD GUIDEBOOK

The Brotherhood Guidebook is the manual for all Brotherhood work. It was written by George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and five of the best Brotherhood men in the Convention.

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BETHEL ORDAINS REV. JAMES E. KING

Rev. James Earl King of Clarke Memorial College was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry by the Bethel Church, Monticello, on Sept. 19.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Joe Hudson pastor of the Monticello Church; the ordination prayer was given by Rev. Harold O. Chester, pastor of the Carmel Church; a Bible was presented by his pastor, Rev. Hoyte Nelson, pastor of the Bethel Church; and the charge was given by Rev. Robert Jones, pastor of the New Hope Church.

Mr. King is now pastor of the Hebron Church in Webster County.

tion. It brings together the best in thinking procedures, and techniques that can be found anywhere. The oldest men in point of service and the wisest leaders, with respect to achievement in Brotherhood work, have put their experiences, study and observations in this book. It is the best book that deals solely with men's work on the market today.

Brother Pastor, encourage your Brotherhood president to get all the men together and teach them this book. If you get him to do nothing more than sit down with the officers around a table and read this book, then much will be accomplished. Why not teach the techniques and procedures of Brotherhood work to all of your men?

A man may know and not do, but he will never do until he knows how!

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Course For Ushers Set For Belhaven Campus

A short course for church ushers will be held at Belhaven College, Jackson, Oct. 17-19, with Everett M. Hosman, emeritus dean, College of Adult Education, University of Omaha, instructor.

Sponsoring the course will be the University of Mississippi in cooperation with the Jackson ministerial Association.

Some subjects to be discussed will include:

The Usher and the Church, the Church Usher on the Job, The Usher's Psychology in Meeting People, What the Church Goes Expects, The Usher and His Minister, and Esprit De Corps.



GORDON E. HUNTER

Shown above is Gordon E. Hunter, Mississippi College student, the new Director of Music at Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson. For several years it has been the policy of Griffith Church to use students from Mississippi College in the music program. He succeeds W. Byron Jay who was called to Central Church, Mobile, Alabama.

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Calhoun Association Re-Elects B. Murphree

As usual the Calhoun County Association was one of the most largely attended in all the state.

Bradford Murphree, moderator since 1933, was re-elected to that office; so was Professor E. A. Dye, clerk since 1924. Rev. A. F. Brasher was named vice-moderator and Van Hollis, treasurer.

Total mission gifts including Cooperative Program and designated totaled \$26,759. Total gifts for all causes were \$136,498.

The membership of the association now totals 8,893. Two hundred and sixty-two were baptized and 268 received by letter.

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Dr. G. F. Barnes, M. C. Professor, Passes Away

Services for Dr. Garnett F. Barnes, 66, professor of physics at Mississippi College since 1943, who died at his home in Clinton Wednesday, were held at 10 a. m. last Friday at the Clinton church.

Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, officiated, assisted by the Rev. R. M. McIntyre, pastor of the church, and Dr. Howard Spell, dean of the college.

Pallbearers were: W. T. Douglas, H. A. Carlock, Dr. Grady Cox, Dr. Norman O'Neal, W. E. Strange, Dr. A. A. Kitchens, W. E. Hannah, D. Q. Byrd. Honorary pallbearers were the members of the college faculty and deacons of the Clinton Baptist Church.

Dr. Barnes is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frances Hagan Barnes, Clinton; one son, Thomas H. Barnes, Seattle, Washington; five brothers, Frank Barnes, Fort Worth, Tex., Clyde and Carleton Barnes, Taft, Calif., Joseph Barnes, Bakersfield, Calif., and Blake Barnes, Pocatamos, Ark.; and three sisters, Mrs. Rex Branson and Mrs. Clara Puryear, Taft, Calif., and Mrs. Otha Decker, Lebanon, Mo.; his stepmother, Mrs. Kate Barnes of Taft and three grandchildren.

Billy Graham Nashville Crusade Breaks U.S. Record; Attendance Over 660,000 And 6,661 Decisions

By Staff Writer Bill Surber

Nashville Banner—Nashville, Tenn. — God touched this city of colleges, denominational headquarters and state capital to make the Billy Graham Greater Nashville Evangelistic Crusade the most successful the team has conducted in the United States.

Statistics: Total attendance 660,000. Decisions for Christ 6,661. Dedications 2,199 in a special consecration service. The largest crowds in Tennessee history for any event—highlighted by the throng of 65,000 that spilled from the stands onto the playing field of Vanderbilt University the final night. All this in 26 meetings from August 22 through September 19.

This state capital is a college town, often called the "Athens of the South." People questioned whether intellectuality, state officialdom, and the gospel mix.

Nashville embraces headquarters for the Methodist Church, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Free-Will Baptists and others. It was a real inspiration to see the heartfelt cooperation among these large church groups in this gigantic soul-winning crusade.

God gave overwhelming answer to the hunger in the hearts of men from all walks of life as an average of 264 persons-plus nightly walked across the green-turfed football field in response to the invitation. The attendance was consistent from the very beginning, with a nightly average of more than 25,000.

Nashville is a folk-music center, home of the "Grand Ole Opry." Entertainers were converted. The impact of the campaign was felt in the homes of the socially prominent and the humble.

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and directly.

Courses which will help him to know the content of the Bible, and to know the background against which it was written, and to know how to avoid the foolish will be of the greatest help to a preacher. That is why the seminary Extension Department majors on the message of the Bible. Its courses offer no key words and no secret mysteries, but approaches the Bible from its historical background helping the student to learn what can be learned, and to speak its message clearly and distinctly.

The tried and the proved form the core of teaching in all areas in which the Seminary Extension Department engages. For it believes the greatest message is the message of the Bible in its simple, plain language. The best methods are the tried and proved. Those who have enrolled by correspondence have learned to appreciate the method. Many testimonies have come to us to indicate the value of this Department to preachers in growing a church, developing a ministry, and leading a people. Those who are interested in this type of education and help can find it by writing to the Seminary Extension Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, Lee Gallman, Director.

CHURCHES TO HONOR CHRISTIAN NURSES

NEW ORLEANS — The important role of nurses in the nation's health welfare and defense is recognized through observance of National Nurse Week, October 11-16, according to Miss Harriet L. Mather, R. N., Chairman of the Southern Baptist Hospital Schools of Nursing Association.

The special week was set aside by act of Congress to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's service to the sick in the Crimean War.

Open houses, W.M.U. programs, announcements in church bulletins, displays in church lobbies, etc., are urged to focus attention on the role of nurses in making the world a better place in which to live.

Establishment of this special week is a fitting tribute to the Christian nurse," Miss Mather said. "Truly, young ladies dedicated to improving the health and welfare services of the community and who have a Christian approach deserve any honor we can pay to them."

Young ladies interested in nursing as a career are invited to write the hospital of their choice. Nearby Baptist Hospitals are: Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans; Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, and Baptist Hospital, Jackson.

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When The Bible Spit Fire

"Don't the Bible say that God's Word is a 'flaming fire', and now I done seen it. It done proved itself to me good and properly like. I was a standin' by the fire, and all of a sudden my Bible with all my notes in it fell upon the floor; sparks just flew everywhere. I saw it with my own eyes. That's proof enough that the Bible is a flaming fire." A congregation sat in church one Saturday evening and listened to a preacher give such a description as this. He astounded his hearers with extreme remarks. The young people of the congregation snickered. The older people raised their eyebrows. But the preacher though it was incumbent upon him to find some strange interpretation in order to be looked upon as a leader and as a real preacher.

A search for the unusual is not necessary in preaching. In fact it must be called a substitute for real preaching, for the real preacher learns to look upon God's Word with reverence and as a book which when read carefully, will unfold its message. He does not need to go behind the scenes or look between the lines and words for some mysterious interpretation. Learning the art of interpreting the Bible to his folk as the Word of God becomes a task of restrained simplicity. The greatest need of the average teacher or preacher is not some unusual book to show or shed an unusual light or to point to some unique approach at the Bible. He needs the insight to let the Bible speak its message, simply



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CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

Letters have gone to two Mississippi Missionaries serving in Alaska asking about needs and opportunities to help them with Christmas for the children with whom they work. These articles can be sent without any duty and carrying zone 8 rate—your post office can tell you about them.

DICK MILLER of Myrtle, Miss., a single young man 27 years of age is serving in Kotzebue, Alaska. We wrote to Dick and asked him about their needs. We want to help supply these needs. He says:

"We have no definite arrangement for Christmas packages. It would be grand if Mississippi WMU could help us. I will just list the ages and sex of our children:

- 10 babies
- 4 girls ages 3-5.
- 4 boys ages 3-5.
- 5 girls ages 6-8.
- 5 boys ages 6-8.
- 6 boys 9-12.
- 3 girls 9-12.
- 5 boys 13-14.
- 4 girls 16.
- 2 boys 16.

Warm clothes, toys, school supplies will all be welcomed and used. Please remember us in your prayers. Here in the arctic we really have long winter nights. And before the winter comes I have so much work to do. We must finish the Kobuk building, put siding on our Kotzebue building, do some painting and try to build a log cabin here. With this I must carry on my regular schedule. So I need your prayers.

(Please send a postal card to the WMU office, Box 530, Jackson indicating the age and sex of the child to whom you will send some Christmas things)

Mail to: DICK MILLER, THE BAPTIST MISSION, KOTZEBUE, ALASKA.

Now another Mississippian in Alaska to whom we should send Christmas supplies for her to distribute in the name of Christ: Valeria Sherard who graduated at Miss. College a few years ago went to Alaska to work under the summer program of the Home Mission Board. The Alaskan Association asked her to stay as their missionary and she continues to serve most effectively there. She says:

"Our needs are great and yet it is hard a lot of times to list those things that are the most necessary and helpful. After doing a lot of thinking and praying about it I feel that articles for our native people in this area would be a great help in meeting the needs and paving the way to lead some to Christ. So a list of things that could be used in this area are as follows:

Yarn, knitting needles, embroidery material and carving tools. Small games, puzzles, Christian story books, toys, dolls etc. Socks (especially children's and men's), gloves, pajamas, etc. Handkerchiefs, ties, head scarves etc. Toilet articles such as toothbrushes, combs, hair ribbon toothpaste etc."

Mail these things to: VALERIA

SHERARD, 1037 16th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska I believe the women and young people of Mississippi WMU will want to have a part in helping make Christmas a happy time for these natives of Alaska and more than that, be helping to pave the way for presenting Christ to them.

BWC HOUSE PARTY, Sept. 17-19.

On Friday afternoon, September 17, fifty-nine business women came to Camp Garaywa for the opening session of the State BWC House Party. They came during the day Saturday until 150 BWC members, missionaries and leaders came from nineteen associations, forty churches, and forty-eight circles. There were ten BWC Federations represented and seven Federation Chairmen present.

The theme of the House Party was "Open Our Hearts" and our hearts were truly opened to the needs and opportunities, in Africa by Miss Edythe Montroy; Italy by Miss Virginia Wingo, and to the Choctaw Indians in our own State by Mrs. Horace Fisher. Miss Bertha Wallis, Field Representative of our Home Mission Board, brought the messages during family worship each morning. Gertrude Hart, Missionary Children's Nook, Jackson, came out Saturday morning and brought fifteen children from the Nook to witness in song and Scripture quotations.

Mrs. Chester Quarles conducted a Book Fair after the noon hour with booths of eight types of books for study, missionary reading and suggested helps for teaching mission study books. Miss Irene Laird opened our hearts through Stewardship emphasizing the Cooperative Program by cutting a cake in percentage proportions for each cause. Mrs. Owen Cooper opened our hearts through Community Missions with emphasis on opportunities for business women. Conferences were held for Circle, Enrollment, Program, Community Missions, Stewardship and Mission Study Chairmen in order to help prepare the officers for new responsibilities next year.

One of the high lights of the House Party was the banquet Saturday night. The tables were colorful and beautifully decorated by dolls representing fourteen nationalities on our mission fields. The Deer Creek Federation, Miss Eleanor Bridges, Chairman, was responsible for creating this missionary atmosphere. At one end of the dining hall a large map of the world with a heart cut out in the center was displayed. Six Nationals, students at Mississippi and Clarke Colleges, stood in this heart and presented the needs of their countries; also expressed their gratitude to Southern Baptists for sending the Gospel to their people.

As we left the dining hall, Miss Virginia Wingo carried us on an imaginary trip to Italy and through her message we came to see the fruits of investments in the Armstrong Memorial Training School which she directs.

One of the most informing periods was the informal interview

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REPORTS

School	Enrol.	Offg.
New Hope (Covington)	106	11.46
New Zion (Leake)	48	6.59
Holly Grove (Simpson)	89	15.60
Shady Grove (Lincoln)	60	20.00
Jerusalem (Negro)	78	5.92
Taylorville	168	39.04
Unity (Attala)	76	9.86
Fairfield (Jones)	52	7.26
Evergreen (Itawamba)	68	10.00
Berea (Attala)	28	3.15
County Line (Attala)	40	7.63
Self Creek (Oktibbeha)	87	10.50
Liberty (Lauderdale)	35	9.59
Liberty (Kemper)	57	10.57
Union Ridge (Winston)	61	5.86
South Louisville	85	8.10
Triumph (Negro)	84	10.00
New Prospect (Leake)	61	7.31
Bethel (Jones)	59	3.87
Friendship (Oktibbeha)	109	7.23

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The rich young ruler had morals, manners and money. He would be welcomed readily into many churches today, with no questions asked. He would make a good "joiner", but he would be a poor disciple. Salvation is free but discipleship costs everything. Somehow, we have utterly lost sight of our Saviour's drastic and often severe challenges to prospective disciples. Letting the dead bury the dead, denying self, hating loved ones, putting the hand to the plow—He used terms that demanded absolute obedience and unquestionable loyalty. Today we have tempered all this down and removed a host of indifferent "joiners" who have not the faintest idea of what it means to "sell out" for Christ. Jesus lost this prospect. The young man went away. Why didn't our Lord take him on milder terms and later lead him into complete surrender? That is our technique today, but Jesus was out for disciples, not joiners.

"What lack I yet?" Here is the painful lack in our churches because it is the lack of so many of their members. From DAY BY DAY by Vance Havner (Fleming H. Revell Company).

with our missionaries on Sunday morning when we had opportunity to ask questions concerning their work, the people, their customs, and their ways of living in their adopted lands.

The music by the trio from 15th Ave. Baptist Church, Meridian, Mrs. Jack Southerland, Miss Evelyn Crooke, Miss Rose Jackson; Mrs. J. M. Loftin, pianist and Miss Earline Blocker, chorister, created a worshipful atmosphere at the opening and closing of each session.

Last but not least was the closing message Sunday morning by Rev. Elton Moore. He and Mrs. Moore, newly appointees to Indonesia will leave the West Coast on November 28 for their new field of service. The Moores are the first Mississippi missionaries to receive a love gift from Woman's Missionary Union through your Special Day Offering.

As the House Party came to a close, those who attended left feeling refreshed for their task this coming year and a vision of what it means to have the privilege of working in a BWC.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

September 26, 1954

Flowood	97	82
Laurel, First	632	170
Laurel, West	477	135
Meridian, 41st Ave.	433	141
Petal-Harvey	383	153
Main School	362	
Harvey	21	
Hattiesburg, Main St.	1123	504
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	516	140
Jackson, South Side	457	192
Edwards	91	36
Byram (Hinds)	199	162
Pearl (Rankin)	212	125
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	188	113
Jackson, Van Winkle	560	301
Mission	54	63
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	736	297
Jackson, Crestwood	680	444
Jackson, Calvary	1602	463
Mission	79	58
Jackson, Highland	122	80
White Rock Mission	14	
Clinton	727	416
Elrains	167	107
Jackson, West	355	181
Springfield (Scott)	133	93
Jackson, Broadmoor	465	218
Jackson, North Side	614	173
Jackson, Alta Woods	686	327
Jackson, Parkway	1229	643
Kreole, First	130	61
Crystal Springs, First	841	244
Soso, First	152	76
Hardy (Grenada)	120	101
Darling	87	59
Canton, Center Terrace	314	153
Friendship (Jackson)	105	81
Grenada, Emmanuel	266	94
Main Church	239	
Futheyville Chapel	27	
Oxford, North	196	119
Brookhaven, First	861	295
Main Church	742	225
Southway	83	48
Halbert Heights	36	34
Kosciusko, First	852	273
Main School	823	
Maple St. Mission	29	
Concord (Choctaw)	106	98
New Albany, First	601	163
Mission	43	
Purvis, First	279	99
Mission	20	
Brookhaven, Central	90	60
Gulfport, Broadmoor	234	109
Hernando	184	61
Fair River (Lincoln)	109	78
Biloxi, Trinity	197	77
McComb, Locust St.	108	83
McComb, East	485	265
Meridian, South Side	657	210
Columbus, East End	263	122
Handsboro	241	171
Calvary, Gulfport	74	79
Pelahatchie	204	88
Main School	175	
Mission	29	
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	202	107
Friendship (Tallahatchie)	80	41
Ruleville	287	109
Crowder	195	140
Canton, Center Terrace	314	154
Laurel, Highland	257	119
Natchez, Immanuel	292	202
Durant	344	
Mission	24	
Longview (Oktibbeha)	107	115
Clarksdale	447	156
Marks, First	264	76
Calhoun City, First	321	161
Laurel, Wildwood	230	89
Petal, First	139	95
Grenada, First	739	140
Spanish Fort	47	46
Fellowship (Choctaw)	108	103
Concorn (Franklin)	75	76
Pascagoula, First	1001	376
Main School	814	258
Jackson Ave. Chapel	94	44
McArthur Chapel	56	42

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Orange Grove Chapel	37	32
Brownsville, Buelah	117	92
Hebron (Jones)	67	72
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	31	33
Niland Chapel (Bolivar)	53	54
Hattiesburg, First	800	278
New Prospect (Lincoln)	149	126
Cleveland, Immanuel	136	95
Laurel, Harmony	180	74
Columbus, First	994	470
Clarksdale, Riverside	200	83
Vicksburg, First	682	213
New Sight (Lincoln)	139	94
Tupelo, Harrisburg	602	257
Bay St. Louis, First	137	102
Columbia, First	737	274
Main Church	661	231
South Columbia Mission	76	43
Gulfport, First	1071	402
Bethlehem (Jones)	135	140
Gulfport, Grace Memorial	257	86
Morton (Scott)	331	136
Main School	322	
Mission	9	
Stonewall	226	194
Hattiesburg, Temple	625	192
Meridian, Oakland Heights	319	125
Union, First	457	178
Friendship (Lincoln)	152	123

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Corinth, Tate St.	282	73
Picayune, First	583	174
Crystal Springs, First	687	220
Crowder	183	113
Union Chapel (Chickasaw)	78	83
Natchez, Immanuel	300	210
Meridian, South Side	421	196
Olive Branch	176	86
Biloxi, East Howard	163	78
Gulfport, Broadmoor	189	96
Friendship (Jackson)	94	75

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MISS JACQUELINE HEWITT, Associate
MISS JOYCE SUTTON, Office Secretary

YES, THIS IS IT!!

Today, September 30, closes another Sunday School and church year.

It also brings us to the close of the year that will be so long remembered as the great year of "A Million More in '54."

We do not know yet how much increase there has been, but whatever it is, it has been a great year just the same.

Tomorrow we begin another year. Let's make it, under God, greater than ever, for the sake of the lost and needy multitudes.

Someone has said, and fittingly, "Hats off to the past and coats off to the future." This year our slogan and theme is, "Let Us Go On."

How very appropriate that is! There never is any stopping place in doing good. So, onward with the battle for right against wrong.

BOARD COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We give below the report of the Convention Board's committee on Sunday school work, given at the recent Board meeting, as follows:

The Sunday School Department is nearing the completion of another great year's work. Here are some of the high lights of the year's work:

1. Three excellent regional conventions at Cleveland, Yazoo City and Natchez in March, with about 1,000 attending, and from many churches and associations.

2. More than 1,800 in attendance at the 20 district conferences in every section of the state in March and April, from nearly all the as-

sociations, and practically all were officers and teachers.

3. About 1,300 Vacation Bible schools, with an enrolment of more than 120,000 and about 500 professions of faith.

4. A total of 22,284 training awards for the first ten months of the year, which is more than for any previous full year, and they have come from every association in the state.

5. Associational training and enlargement campaigns, both central and simultaneous, have been one of the major items of the year. We feel that this is one of the most effective parts of the program.

6. A total of 460 Standard units have been reported to date, with another month yet to go in this year.

The Committee hereby offers the following recommendations:

1. That the program of associational work be continued with an even greater emphasis than heretofore, especially the central school type, thus giving to officers and teachers in the smaller schools the opportunity to study under a trained leader the work of the age-group in which he or she works in the home church.

2. That all pastors and church leaders cooperate fully in the work of the Sunday School Department in the effort to reach every church with a training program, realizing full well that only as the leaders are trained can there be the efficiency expected. And, further, that a definite and consistent program of training will solve most of the problems that arise, and that it will pay big dividends in the years to come. Home study is a very practical plan to do much of this training.

We would like to commend Dr. Williams and his staff for these splendid achievements and pledge our support by cooperating with them and assuring them of our prayers for their continued success.

INDIANOLA CHANGES RATIO

The Indianola Baptist church has baptized 107 to date this year. The church membership at the beginning of the year was 850, and 107 baptisms would have been a ratio of about "One to Eight."

However, the large number of baptisms has run the membership now to 1025, and has changed to ratio to one to 9.2.

Well, that is a splendid way to increase it and we congratulate pastor, Dr. Kermit Canterbury, and his fine church.

OKTIBBEHA COUNTY ASSOCIATION 100 PERCENT IN VACATION SCHOOLS

Missionary Frank Armstrong reports that Oktibbeha County Association is 100 percent in Vacation Bible schools this year for the first time ever.

Every church has had a school and there have been two mission schools.

There are some other 100 percent associations, we feel sure, and we should like to have the information on them also.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Marshall Association

The Marshall Association met with First Church, Holly Springs, on Wednesday night, September 15 and on Thursday, September 16, at Byhalia. Dr. Earl Kelly is pastor at Holly Springs and Rev. M. C. Whitten is the Byhalia pastor.

The letters revealed that the Association increased its Cooperative Program giving by 60 per cent over the previous year.

The Association authorized a Missions Committee to contact the DeSoto Association with the hope of working out a joint mission program.

New officers elected are: Moderator, Dr. Earl Kelly; Assistant Moderator, Rev. R. B. Deline; Associational Clerk, Miss Sidney Seale Boone; and Treasurer, J. D. Janes.

The 1955 session will be held with Holly Springs and Cornersville. The night session on September 14 will meet at Holly Springs and the day session on September 15 at Cornersville Church.

Record readers in Marshall County are now listed as follows: BYHALIA, 57; CORNERSVILLE, 34; HOLLY SPRINGS, 201; POTTS CAMP, 59; RED BANKS, 39; SLAYDEN, 58; Spring Hill, 6.

Gaston Springs Is No. 1100

The Dorrohs have done it again. There are several of the Dorroh brothers who are Baptist pastors and usually when they become pastor of a church, the next action is that the church adopts the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Recently Rev. L. F. Dorroh, pastor of Gaston Springs Church, asked that it be sent on trial for a few weeks to acquaint the people with it. The result was the usual one. The church has instructed that the Baptist Record be continued on the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Record readers in Calhoun County are now listed as follows: BRADFORD CHAPEL 17, BANNER 53, BETHEL 32, BETHANY 76, Big Creek 1, BRUCE 145, CALHOUN CITY FIRST 261, WILLIS HICKS MEMORIAL 67, Calvary 16, College Duncan Hill 6, ELLARD 34, Gaston Springs 18, MACEDONIA 39, LLOYD 20, MIDWAY 43, MT. MORIAH 30, New Hope 1, New Providence 2, OAK GROVE 22, OLD TOWN 24, Parker 2, PITTSBORO 34, PLEASANT RIDGE 20, Pleasant Grove 17, Providence 6, SABOUGLA 33, SAREPTA 40, Sherman 1, SHILOH 31, Spring Creek 1, Spring Hill 2, Vardaman 17, Rocky Branch 1, Lantrip 14.

It's Almost Unanimous

In a recent issue of the Baptist Record there was carried a list of the 100 churches leading in total mission gifts from November 1, 1953, to July 31, 1954.

Ninety-eight of those churches are Baptist Record churches. And the two that are not EVERY FAMILY are not as high up on the list as a church of their size and wealth would be expected.

One church that is listed at approximately \$10,000 suffers in comparison to similar churches that gave from \$17,000 to \$24,000. Another that gave between \$5,000 and \$7,000 is comparable in size

HOME BOARD ENLARGES JEWISH DEPARTMENT



Atlanta, Ga. (BN)—The Department of Jewish Evangelism of the Home Mission Board has enlarged its staff to five workers who are shown above. They are, left to right: Howard Smith, New Orleans, Louisiana; Frank Halbeck, superintendent of the Jewish Department, Atlanta, Georgia; William B. Mitchell, Houston, Texas; Jack Altman, Jr., Louisville, Kentucky; John Meiss, Fort Worth, Texas.

THE ROAD TO PARADISE by

Dallas Ruth (Vantage Press, Inc., New York—\$4) is "a compendium of the most outstanding events involving the human race." It is the story of man's creation and fall and of the struggle of the human race to regain the paradise that was lost in Eden. The tales of the Flood, the Tower of Babel, the Drama of Job, the Wilderness Journey, the Fall of Jericho, are told with dramatic freshness. This is a book to make you stop and think. Biblical prophecies have always come true with uncanny verity. With the A- and H-bombs in mind, one reads many scriptural texts which indicate that there will be a display of fire at the end of this world. "But, the Scriptures," says Mr. Ruth, "make equally plain that there will be survivors safely carried through this world catastrophe as surely as Noah and his family were carried through the end of the 'old world.'" For a new perspective on Man's coming journey on the road to Paradise, order this book from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

and wealth to several that gave from \$12,000 to \$18,000.

In other words, Baptist Record churches just seem to do better. Another church in the \$3,000 bracket but without the Baptist Record as a part of its program suffers in comparison with other churches with about the same membership and financial conditions because the churches with the Baptist Record are in the \$7,000 to \$9,000 bracket.

Bay Springs Sends List

Another church to join the growing list of churches that have made the Baptist Record a part of their church program is Bay Springs Church in Lafayette County. Rev. E. A. Autry is the pastor. The list was sent by Miss Ella Sandlin.

Record readers in Lafayette County are now listed as follows: Bay Springs, 9; ABBEVILLE, 44; ANCHOR, 23; Bethel, 16; CLEAR CREEK, 50; DELAY, 23; NEW PROSPECT, 71; OXFORD, 84; Paris, 1; SHILOH, 1; TAYLOR, 20; UNION, WEST, 32; YELLOW LEAF, 21; PHILADELPHIA, 46; NORTH OXFORD, 120; Matthews, 12.

IMMANUEL, VICKSBURG, CALLS NEW PASTOR

Immanuel Church, Vicksburg has called as pastor Rev. Tommie Rayburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Rayburn, Meridian.

Mr. Rayburn is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He and his wife will move on the field October 1.

Rev. James B. Parker, Chaplain of the Baptist Hospital, Jackson, has served several months as interim-pastor for Immanuel Church.

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MISS ELOIS COWARD



MR. CHARLES POWELL

Pictured above are Miss Elois Coward and Mr. Charles Powell who have recently joined the BSU Directors' Corps in Mississippi.

Miss Coward is a graduate of Mississippi College and is the new Director for Southwest Junior College. Mr. Powell, a graduate of Howard College and Southwestern Seminary, is BSU Director for Clarke Memorial College.

We heartily welcome these two fine young people to the Work and predict that the Lord will use them in great ways among their students.

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"Our church has been vitally concerned with the need of student work in Jackson and Hinds Association. . . It would be to our advantage and to the good of the work if we could secure a BSU Director for Jackson and Hinds Association. . . We must not neglect our Baptist students who will be in school in Jackson this year." —W. Henry Crouch, Pastor, Northside Baptist Church, Jackson.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE, it's never too late, for students to Join the Church in the college town and to subscribe to the Baptist Student magazine and to the Baptist Record.

We hope that our new Convention date—December 3-5 — will have a minimum of campus conflicts. Place is still First Church, Hattiesburg.

—BR—
Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. Katie Pennock, Granite City, Illinois; Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Chandler, Summit; Mrs. F. M. Reeves, Summit; Rev. A. R. Miller, Richton; Earl L. Grimes, Carthage.

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Dan Stroud Ordained At Rome Church

Daniel W. Stroud was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Rome Church, Sunday, Sept. 19.

The moderator of the ordaining council was Rev. R. W. Porter, pastor of the church. Rev. Charles Everett, associational missionary of Bolivar County was clerk and Rev. J. H. Sherman of New Hope Church, Drew, was the interrogator.

The charge was given by Rev. Earl Edwards of Tutwiler; the sermon by J. D. Hudson of Walnut Church, and the Bible, a gift from the Tutwiler Church was presented by Rev. Mr. Everett.

Rev. Mr. Stroud has recently been called to serve as pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church in Bolivar County.

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Harrisburg, Tupelo Celebrates Homecoming

Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, celebrated the twenty-first birthday of the organization of the church with an Annual Homecoming Celebration Sunday, September 19.

All attendance records of the church organizations were broken, and every goal set was attained.

The ten thousand dollar goal in special offerings for the Building Fund was exceeded by \$200. Sunday School attendance soared to 853. Attendance at Training Union reached the all time high of 302. More than 1000 people crowded into the auditorium to hear the preaching of four of the five former pastors.

The former pastors who were welcomed "home" for the day included Chaplain Warren E. Ferguson of Montgomery, Alabama; Rev. W. T. Darling, the first pastor of the church; Rev. D. D. Satterwhite, now of Rolling Fork; and Dr. Winfred Moore, now pastor of the First Church of Borger, Texas.

An old fashioned Basket Dinner was served to nearly a thousand people who were in attendance at the noon meal. The enormous 235 lb. birthday cake, baked exclusively for the occasion, was cut and served.

The Harrisburg Church was begun in 1933 with 22 charter members, six of whom are still in the membership. The present membership of the church is 974.

Rev. H. H. Aultman, present pastor of the church, reports that Sunday was the greatest day in all the history of the Church in demonstration of strength and sacrifice. The pastor also reports that the ten thousand dollars raised will be used to furnish and equip the new Educational Annex that is to be completed in November.

The new building contains 14,500 sq. ft. of floor space and is air conditioned in every room. It is being constructed at a cost of \$105,000.

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The B. B. McKinney Music Research Foundation, an organization for the perpetuation of the memory of the late B. B. McKinney has been incorporated in Oklahoma and is located on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University.

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

MUSIC DEPARTMENT REPORT TO STATE CONVENTION BOARD

Below is a very brief digest of the report made to the Convention Board by the Music Committee, composed of Rev. George Evens, Rev. E. Y. Soileau, and Rev. Melvin Wilson.

The Music Department offers a wide area of help on the field in conferences, music schools, visitation, which includes hymn sings, associational meetings, and many other field activities.

There are 60 Associational Music organizations with 23 of this number being organized this year. The associational music program has been set in motion in all of these associations.

Up to September 1st, there have been 32 approved teachers helping with the Music School Program. To date, September 1st, there have been 3200 awards issued.

There were twenty district festivals under the direct leadership of the State Secretary with 3200 participants and more than 8000 people present.

The State Music Leaders Laboratory, a one-day meeting, was held in Jackson with the emphasis on Pastor-Music Director relationship.

The committee recommends this meeting highly.

The annual State School of Church Music was the best this year with 300 in attendance, led by a faculty of 14 unexcelled music leaders of the south.

The State Music Festival is yet to be held in the First Church, Jackson, and 3250 people are qualified to enter this festival.

The Associational Directors Planning Meeting was held last February and was well attended.

The office promotions include: Local Schools of Music.

Training for church participation in District and State Festivals.

The Hymn of the Month Program.

Associational Hymn Sings.

Christmas Carol Sings, both local church and association wide.

The local Church Music Department working toward our standard of excellence, and use of our record system, and use of the Church Musician.

Our pamphlet ministry.

After studying these needs, the committee recommends the addition of an associate, as soon as the Board sees fit to make this addition.

Man Of Distinction

Sometimes men of distinction become men of extinction.

The liquor industry would lead us to believe that whiskey enables people to become men of distinction. The incident related below is different. It made two men of extinction and two others seriously injured and in a Memphis hospital.

According to the Press-Scimitar, an Oldsmobile 88 was making 110 miles an hour. Six men were riding in the car. They had had a few beers, said the survivors.

Fred Harris, 52, Tyrone, said, "We were trying to get the driver to slow down, but he wouldn't. He was driving 140 miles an hour. The car hit a curve and left the highway. Results: Two men dead and two in the hospital. Whiskey does make men of distinction."

—BR—

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Martha Ann Hale, Terry and Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. Ivan Lowry, Brookhaven; Johnnie Lowry, Brookhaven; Mrs. R. H. Helm, Jackson; Rev. Victor Johnson, Clinton; J. Lee Moore, Jackson; Rev. C. S. Moulder, Hattiesburg; Rev. A. A. Ward, Port Gibson; W. R. Carpenter, Brookhaven.

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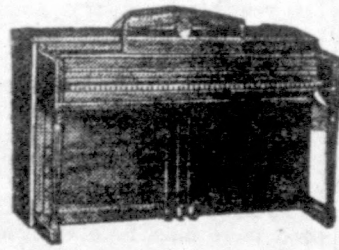
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Please mail to our office, Training Union Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, the names and addresses of your Training Union Directors for the next year—whether it is a new one or not.

We will be sending to those on our mailing lists some very important information in the immediate future and we want to assure that our mail gets to the right place.

Don't assume that someone else has done it—you do it today.

CENTRAL SCHOOL IN WATTHALL

A Central Leadership School was recently held in Watthall Association at Tylertown Baptist Church with an average of 75 in attendance for the week.

Ten of the twelve churches of the association were represented in the classes held for the various age groups. Six of the twelve pastors in the association attended the school and six of the twelve Training Union Directors of the association attended.

Miss Evelyn George, approved Nursery, Beginner and Primary Worker, taught the Nursery, Beginner and Primary leaders; Rev. C. A. Thompson, pastor of Lexie Baptist church, taught the Junior boys and girls; Miss Louise Hill, the Junior and Intermediate leaders; and Mr. G. G. Pierce, the Adults and Young People.

Churches were represented as follows: Crystal Springs, Dinan, Lexie, Mesa, Salem, Tylertown, Union, Magee's Creek, Knoxo, New Zion. Rev. Vernon May, pastor of Tylertown Baptist Church, was host pastor for the meeting and was in charge of planning the meetings activities.

NURSERY, BEGINNER, PRIMARY LEADERSHIP CLINIC NOVEMBER 8

You will be hearing a lot about the Nursery, Beginner, Primary Leadership Clinic on November 8 at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. It is an outstanding opportunity for all Training Union workers who are now working or are interested in working with these age groups. A special conference for pastors, educational directors and Training Union directors has been planned. This clinic has been planned to meet the needs of all who are working with this particular age group.

Plan to be at Calvary Church by 10 a.m. on the morning of November 8. There will be a morning and an afternoon session. General conference—departmental workshops, special conferences and special topics about Nursery, Beginner and Primary work will comprise the program which will be adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Conference topics will be as follows: Equipping the room, creative activity, planning the unit of work, preparing the materials for the unit, visual aids.

Special topics in the departmental workshop will be story telling, music and children's literature,

with Ann Bradford, Professor of Elementary Religious Education Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, assisting in each. We have secured the finest personnel available to be on this program. Pictures and comments concerning these will appear in succeeding issues of the Record.

Begin to plan now to bring a busload of your workers or several carloads, to this clinic. It is an opportunity they can't afford to miss.

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE

Good planning is essential to successful associational work. You are being given the opportunity to be in on a planning session that will affect your whole associational program for 1955. You really need to be there. Programs and projects, goals, and needs will be spotlighted. Mr. Harvey T. Gibson, Director of Associational Work, Training Union Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville Tennessee will be on the program at all three of the scheduled associational planning meetings:

November 9, Oxford, First.
 November 11, Canton, First.
 November 12, Temple, Hattiesburg.

The theme for 1955 is "Be Strong In The Lord." An afternoon session and an evening session has been planned for each of the three meetings mentioned above. Members of your state Training Union Department and representatives of the Southwide Training Union Department in Nashville will be on the program.

Here are some of the things we will seek to accomplish at this all important meeting: Spotlighting our achievements, roll call of associational officers, recognition of associational officers, spotlighting our materials, programs and projects and needs, setting up our goals. Emphasis will be made on organizing new unions, standard work, "M" Night, selecting and enlisting associational officers. Every phase of the program will be of interest to each associational officer.

The afternoon session is scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m. and adjourn at 5:45 p.m. for the evening meal and the evening session is scheduled to begin 7 p.m. Mr. Harvey Gibson will speak at 8:55 p.m. on "Inspiration for the Task." Plan to attend and bring a friend (that friend, of course, should be an associational officer).

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WHERE DOES WORLD EVANGELIZATION BEGIN?

BY DR. H. GUY MOORE,

Chairman Committee on World

Evangelization

Where does world evangelization begin? Some will say it begins at home, others in the field of foreign missions. Yet others will say it begins with the individual or the local church. We would all agree that back of these human agencies it has its source in the eternal purpose of God and will and must continue wherever and whenever in this world man needs redemption—and that need now is desperately urgent.

It was this sense of urgency that brought forth this action by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis, June 2-5, 1954.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, speaking before both the WMU convention and the Southern Baptist Convention presented the cause of world missions and made an impassioned plea that we speed up our "Mission Advance Program." "If we did not," he declared, "It would take us from 15 to 17 years to reach the goal we had set for ourselves five years ago."

It was in response to that appeal that a resolution was presented and the following action taken:

Following the adoption of a resolution presented by R. Paul Caudill, a committee was named "to study additional ways and means by which the rank and file of our churches may be aroused to action in increasing their support of all our Convention agencies, and particularly world evangelization." The action stated: "That the committee be instructed to meet with the Promotion Committee in June and report to the Executive Committee in December with specific proposals and that their report be made to the Convention in Miami in 1955 'in cooperation with the Promotion Committee.' The committee is composed of: H. Guy Moore, chairman, Leon Latimer, Wade Bryant, John W. Raley, Harold W. Seever, A. Warren Huyck, and R. Paul Caudill.

The entire committee met in Nashville, June 21-22 for study, formulation of plans and, subsequently, the submitting of a progress report. The committee is now continuing further study of "ways and means" toward the realization of an enlarged and more intensive program of world evangelization and to be ready to report to the Executive Committee meeting in Nashville in December, 1954.

So much for the history. Time is of the essence. If we do not get some word to the churches and the state conventions before December we shall have to wait another year before action can be taken where it will count—not at the Executive Committee in Nashville or the Convention in Miami, but in your church and mine—in your state and mine!

As Southern Baptists we do not need instructions for such immediate action. We know what to do. Let's do it now—this year, 1954.

World evangelization embraces the total program of Christ. It is sending more missionaries into our home and foreign lands but it is also preparing those missionaries in colleges and seminaries and it is also winning, enlisting, teaching,

and training them in our churches. What phase of our work indeed could we leave out? Advance must be total advance. Armies that have failed to note this strategy have failed.

Further, that the program must be supported by sustained, continuing, dependable resources. Surely Southern Baptists need not be educated in the inadequacy of spasmodic giving. The vast enterprise of our work cannot depend upon "impulsive gifts." They will help, and we hope there will always be a place for them, but we have passed from the stage of a sporadic support for the world mission of Christ.

What then? What method do we have that assures a steady income and goes to support the total cause of world evangelization? It is the Cooperative Program operating through our churches, channeling the undesignated gifts of our people into the ministry of every agency, every institution, out to the ends of the earth.

Do I hear a murmuring of discontent and disappointment—some reader saying, "I thought he was going to really present something new, different, challenging—for winning the world to Christ."

Your committee on world evangelization will give its best in discovering "other ways" to implement this, but just now let us give our most careful attention to this program which has meant and is meaning so much to the cause of Christ.



He's bound to read something—let it be the Baptist Record.

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Highland, Meridian, Sees 4th Anniversary Of Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 17, was the fourth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Levon Moore at Highland Church, Meridian.

The new church and new parsonage have been built during that time. There have been 350 additions to the church since 1950 of these by baptism; the Sunday School has averaged 487 and the Training Union 168 per Sunday; the total receipts have amounted to over \$210,000.

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

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Question: My husband and I want to make a will leaving what we have in a trust fund, the interest to be used for scholarships for boys or girls wanting to be ministers or missionaries. Would like it to be administered by whoever happens to be the pastor, the treasurer of the church, and the president of the Woman's Missionary Society. Would this be legal?

Answer: Thank you for supposing that I should be an authority on such matters. I am not, but I have consulted with an attorney.

Yes, you can make these three however your trustees. You should, however, have written into your will that any two of them could act in case one of the offices is vacant at the time. Also, you should state that if the church disbands, unites with another, or ceases to be of the same faith that the fund automatically goes to, say, the Baptist Foundation of your state.

You did not ask me, but is it wise to ask these three people to be your trustees? Will they always know how to invest such funds wisely? Finances these days are pretty complicated.

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Your letter encourages me. Why Christian people will die without writing a will to dispose of their estate in a Christian manner has always puzzled me.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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FRESNO, Calif. (BP)—The First Baptist Church, Huntington Park, Calif., membership of 1,500 has voted to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention in their world mission program. The church for some time affiliated with one Baptist group withdrew because it felt that it "could serve the cause of Christ better by cooperating with Southern Baptists."

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JOB'S STRUGGLE TO UNDERSTAND LIFE.

Bible Texts: Job 1-2; 19-23

I. A WORD CONCERNING THE BOOK.

It is undoubtedly the oldest book in the Bible. It is perhaps the oldest book in the world. The book sets us in the midst of a society older than any writings in the Old Testament. The civilization of Job's day was that of Abraham's day, but Abraham was dead hundreds of years before Moses wrote of him and the habits and lives of the people had greatly changed by the time Moses arrived on the scene.

The book of Job is the oldest drama ever written; but it is what drama ever written; but it is what is sometimes known as a closet drama, and that is to say that it was not written to be played, but to be read merely. But it has plot and scenes and dramatic personae.

The first scene is laid in heaven and the characters are: God, the angels, and Satan. And from this first scene, the action moves, through the record of the calamities that overtook Job, and the coming of his friends to visit him. The first two chapters of the book are in prose, but with the coming of Job's friends, the book is written in poetry unto 42:7 when the epilogue becomes prose again to the end of the book at verse 16.

II. JOB THE MAN

He was a good one. "Perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and turned away from evil", that is the Bible description of Job. Job is inherently a good man, one who had prospered, who was rich in the goods of this world not only, but rich also in the faith that bound him to God, to whom he prayed with his family and from whom even the devil himself, nay, nor even a sarcastic wife could turn him away.

I have a mind to say that Job was a good man in spite of his wealth, as someone said that Humboldt became a great man in spite of his riches. So often riches become a hindrance to the development of greatness of character in any line, though it is my privilege to know some notable exceptions.

III. JOB'S PROBLEM

The most baffling problem that has troubled men since the first one made tracks on the surface of the earth. Why the evil? Who is responsible for it? By what music of rhyme or rule of reason does evil smite the fairest and the best of this world and lay its withering blight upon the most promising of life's fragrant flowers? Why are the good and brave men and wise and just compelled to bear the mocks and sarcasm and sneers, the slings and arrows, of outrageous evil, while the worst of men and women strut their wickedness before high heaven and flaunt their robes of shame before the faces of the decent for all the world to see?

We just know that it is so, but

the full explanation still awaits another day. Meantime stricken men sometimes yet raise grief-clenched hands to the silent stars and cry in the night, "Why this to me, O God! Why this to me!" Just so Job was puzzled, and his complaints as to God was, "He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head."

Poor old Job! Great old Job! How many of us who maybe make light of the sufferings of Job would, upon far less provocation, "curse God to His face!"

IV. JOB'S QUEST

"Oh, that I knew where I might find Him". In these words Job uttered a cry of frustration as old as the human tongue. "If only I could speak with God face to face," Job said, "If only I could stand in His presence and plead my cause before His face, I could convince Him that what I suffer is too much, is not deserved. Why, then? Why must I, and God Himself knows I have done my best for Him, why must I suffer thus. I would love to ask Him, and hear what He would answer".

V. JOB'S MISTAKES

The first we notice was and is a very common mistake. It was the mistake of thinking that God always makes the good to prosper and the bad to encounter hardship and material loss, unhappiness and multiplied sorrow. I have heard preachers preach it that way, and I have preached it that way myself.

If any man will serve God, God will fill his barns with the grain of the harvest, and his business will prosper, and all his undertakings will bear the flower and fruit of success. But if a man live in rebellion or disregard of God, trouble will make its seat in that man's heart and home. The boll weevil will eat his cotton and the bud worm will devour his corn, the murrain will kill his sheep and anthrax will destroy his herds. The positive proof that a given man is bad is that he has trouble and sorrow, poverty and distress, and the proof that a man is good is that he has good success in his business ventures and that no untoward events overtake him.

This was the theory of Job's friends and they spent their time and eloquence in an effort to make Job confess that he had been sinning against God however skillfully he may have cloaked his wrongdoing. Job did not dispute the thesis of his friends, he but charged God with treating Job, a good man, as bad men should be treated.

Again Job thought that God was the author of all his troubles. He blamed his sufferings on God. Listen at him sobbing out his catalogue of troubles. "I cry out, Violence! But I am not answered; I call aloud, but there is no justice. He has walled up my way, so that I can not pass, and has set darkness upon my paths. He has stripped from me my glory, and taken the crown from my head. He breaks me down on every side, and I am gone, and my hope has he pulled up like a tree."

His troubles like our own may have had a number of sources. Sometimes the troubles which thwart and perplex us are the fruit of our own folly. Sometimes they are the logical result of our own

Oakland Heights Calls Rev. Roy S. Humphrey



REV. ROY S. HUMPHREY

The Oakland Heights Church of Meridian has called Roy S. Humphrey as its pastor.

Before coming to Oakland Heights he was pastor of Friendship Church, Brookhaven. Former pastorates include Ogden Church of Yazoo County, and Damascus Church of Copiah County.

He is a graduate of Clarke College, Newton; Mississippi College, Clinton; and the New Orleans Seminary.

Mrs. Humphrey is the former Virginia McNeese of Poplarville. They have one son, Michael, age 3.

Liberty Church in Carroll County wants to buy some used church pews. Anybody having used pews for sale should write Mrs. N. M. Heath, Carrollton.

negligence and carelessness, while sometimes they come as a result of God's allowing us to be tested that such testing may refine the pure gold in us while consuming the soul and dross. In the case of Job God is permitting the devil, the slanderer, to test Job that Job may come forth from the fires of testing a finer man than before, and that the devil might appear in his real character of liar, character assassin and slanderer, exposed and shamed in his true light before God.

Once again, Job thought God had abandoned him. Job sought for God and said God could not be found by him. God had gone off and left him along with his pain and trouble.

VI. JOB'S FAITH

This did not desert him. Job believed that if he could get the ear of God, God would give him justice. There was no doubt in Job's mind as to the goodness of God. No matter what God had visited upon him, Job did not lose his faith that he as an upright man could reason with God and this God, the judge of all the earth, would do right by Job.

Here is the point at which the character of Job shines like a beacon in the night. And it is the one great truth for us to remember: That we must never lose our faith in God, in the goodness of God, in the love of God, in the righteousness of God; for if and when we have lost this, we have lost all. Job started from a wrong hypothesis, but he would never doubt the goodness of God.

Lumberton Church Has Good Progress Record

The church at Lumberton, during the past seven years under the leadership of Pastor J. W. Wood has made an enviable record of progress.

Baptisms have totaled 119, additions by letter, 268; \$94,218 collected for all causes and \$16,952 given to missions.

Membership has grown from 444 to 522.

During this period, a new parsonage was bought; the annex was converted for use as Sunday School and Training Union quarters; the sanctuary and baptistry were remodeled; and new pulpit furniture and the Norton Chimes were donated to the church. A new air conditioning unit was installed. In addition a number of chairs, a drinking fountain and new office equipment were purchased.

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Spanish Seminary Needs Space And Personnel; Has To Limit Students

The Spanish Baptist Seminary, Barcelona, began its new school year September 14 with twelve students. Young men from many sections of the country requested admission to the school; but limited classroom space and missionary personnel made it necessary to limit the enrollment.

The four married students, with their wives and seven children, are housed in the seminary building. The eight single men are living in a near-by church building until they can enter an apartment which has been secured after considerable difficulties. "It is not easy to find a landlord willing to rent to evangelical students in Spain," reports Mrs. Roy B. Wyatt, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary and wife of the director of the school.

The faculty is made up of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, also missionaries, and three national pastors. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Mefford, Jr., the third missionary couple in Spain will direct special weeks of classes in church music.

"The need for another couple to serve in the seminary is keenly felt," said Mrs. Wyatt.

(Editor's Note: Mr. and Mrs. Whitten are Mississippians and Mr. Mefford was formerly pastor at Osyka.)

Foreign Board Deplores Closing Of Madrid Church

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, at its September meeting deplored circumstances which led to the closing of the Second Baptist Church, Madrid.

According to reports received by the Board, an agent of the Spanish police appeared at the door of the church on July 17, 1954, stating that he had orders to close the church.

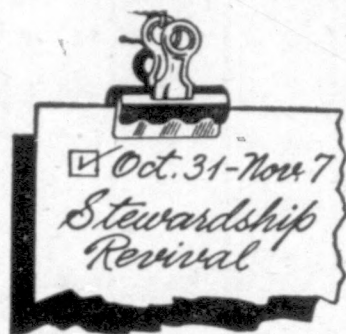
One report said: "Naturally the pastor and church members wanted to know why the church was being closed. The agent of the police was unable to tell them. The order only said that it was being closed 'for various infractions.' Still no other reason has been given. Two Spanish pastors of Madrid went to the office of the General Direction of Security on July 19, but the superior officer refused to see them."

Representatives of the Board observed three serious considerations in connection with the closing of this church:

1. It is located in the capital of Spain and has written permission from the government to hold religious services. It has functioned under this permit for the past five years. Drastic steps hindering evangelical work have been taken in the small interior villages from time to time, but never before in the capital.

2. The building is American property owned by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This might indicate that, in the agreements between the United States and Spain, basic principles of religious liberty are being compromised.

3. Some American citizens working with the air bases in Madrid are members of the church and are active in most of its services.



"My Soul Was Refreshed"

BY DR. W. PEYTON THURMAN

Editor's Note: Dr. W. Peyton Thurman, a Kentucky member of the Foreign Mission Board, is visiting mission fields in the Orient with Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel.

BANDUNG, Java — After having traveled with Elmer West for four and one half weeks visiting our various mission stations, I found myself on a plane, alone, flying from Djakarta to Bandung.

Mr. West had remained in Djakarta, the capital of Indonesia, for three services and I was to conduct two in Bandung. Missionary Charles P. Cowherd, met me at the plane, explaining that the other missionaries were in a youth meeting at the church.

He gave me a choice: "Do you want to go to my home to rest, or would you prefer seeing some of our young people?"

"Rest" when I could meet young people of Java? That was an easy decision and a very rewarding one.

At the church we found the Baptist Youth Organization (B.Y.O.) of the First Baptist Church, Bandung, meeting. Thirty-nine people were there. Of Indonesian, Chinese, Dutch, and British citizenship, these young people also have their citizenship recorded in God's book of life.

It would warm the coldest heart to see and hear these young people in action, especially when one considers that the church is not yet two years old and that our Southern Baptist missionaries have been here less than three years.

Miss Fay Taylor, missionary who heads our young people's work in Indonesia, and Dr. Kathleen Jones, missionary doctor who is studying the language in Bandung prior to the opening of hospital work in Kediri, were in the background giving their warm encouragement to the group. James Liem was presiding and each person on the program spoke with understanding of the right use of his or her God-given talents.

After the meeting it was my joy to clasp hands with all those present, each one of whom has a story worth telling. Most of them are very young Christians; but, what joy is manifest in their expressed testimonies!

"Rest"—I got my rest. My soul was refreshed by the evidence of the work of these capable and consecrated missionaries and even more by the evidence of the Holy Spirit's approval of the work being done in Bandung.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

DeSoto Is Number 1099

The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY list continues to grow. One of the latest additions is the DeSoto Church in Clarke County. The list was sent by Mrs. Nora Brock, the church treasurer.

Record readers in Clarke County are now listed as follows: ANTI-TOCH, 32; Center Ridge, 2; Crandall, 1; DE SOTO, 35; ELIM, 26; ENTERPRISE, 119; HARMONY, 40; Hepzibah, 1; KNIGHTS VALLEY, 19; MONT ROSE, 49; OAK GROVE, 21; PACHUTA, 32; PINE HILL, 37; PLEASANT GROVE, WEST, 23; PLEASANT HILL, 22; QUITMAN, 145; Phalti, 18; ROLLING CREEK, 33; SHUBUTA, 65; SOUENLOVIE, 29; STONEWALL, 149; UNION, 60.

Holly Springs

Under the leadership of Dr. Earl Kelly as pastor, First Church, Holly Springs is going places.

They have established the Holly Springs Baptist Training School. Classes are held every Tuesday morning and afternoon and evening weekly. These classes are designed to teach various books of methods and doctrine and to prepare for leadership in the extension program of the church. The purpose of having morning, afternoon, and evening classes is to enable all who wish to attend at a convenient time.

The Sunday School has been reorganized and the seven departments have grown to 16. Also a weekly teachers' meeting has been established.

Record readers in Marshall County are now listed as follows: BYHALIA, 57; CORNERSVILLE, 34; HOLLY SPRINGS, 202; POTTS CAMP, 59; RED BANKS, 39; SLARDEN, 58; Spring Hill, 6.

A negro friend used to say to me, "Don't 'squelch' the Spirit." He coined his own word, but "squelch", being a combination of "squelch" and "quench," really should be in the dictionary. We quench the Spirit in more ways than we suspect. When we stifle the inner impression to speak or act for the Lord we do it. And we can quench the Spirit in others when we criticize or discourage or by any attitude "throw cold water" on their fire. The brother in prayer meeting who mixed his metaphors and said, "Lord, if there should be a spark of fire in this meeting, please water that spark," unwittingly suggested another way to smother the Spirit's freedom. How we do conspire to limit God in our meetings! We have an honored Guest in every Christian gathering, and He can be grieved very easily. A frivolous spirit, a critical or rebellious frame of mind, a fed-up complacency—that will do it. The very way we arrange physical details, the way we scatter all over the church, two to a pew; the way we hear and hear not—surely "squelch" says it, for we squelch and quench the Spirit. From DAY BY DAY by Vance Havner (Fleming H. Revell Company).

JAPAN MISSION CALLS ON SOUTHERN BAPTISTS TO HEED CALL OF CHRIST FOR ASIA AND WORLD

WM. CAREY COLLEGE NOW HAS NURSERY

William Carey College, Hattiesburg, has worked out a nursery and kindergarten program in cooperation with the Immanuel Church, located just across the street.

Within the greatly increased student body there were a number of wives that faced the prospect of being baby sitters instead of class attenders. A coordinated program was worked out by Mrs. Irving E. Rouse, wife of the president, and Mrs. R. Elmer Nielsen, wife of the Immanuel pastor.

The church consented to offer their nursery facilities and the service was instituted before the final day for registration.

Hampered by the lack of funds that is traditional with college students, the program will require some outside financing in order to meet the expenses involved and to buy needed additional equipment, but it is felt that friends will respond to this need as it becomes known to them.

This is another instance of the close cooperation between the traditional college church and the college which is located in the community.

Union Is In

A recent addition to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is the Union Church in Wilkinson County.

The list was sent by the church clerk, Mrs. L. O. Cavin.

Record readers in Mississippi Association are now listed as follows: Union, 13; CENTREVILLE, 113; Hux, 6; PIONEER CHURCH, 41; WOODVILLE, 99; CALVARY, 31; BETHEL, 44; BERWICK, 24; CROSBY, 57; East Fork, 4; EBENEZER, 20; GALILEE, 96; GILLSBURG, 104; GLADING, 23; LIBERTY, 183; MARS HILL, 93; Mt. Olive, 1; MT. PLEASANT, 33; MT. VERNON, 49; NEW ZION, 23; ROBINSON, 28; ZION HILL, 37.

VOLUME II OF THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT, THE PREACHING OF G. CAMPBELL MORGAN (Fleming H. Revell Company, 16 Third Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey, \$4), is a collection of 26 messages preached by the "Prince of Expositors" from his pulpit in Westminster Chapel, London, England. The sermons are scholarly, diversified, and timeless. Dr. Morgan "unveils life's highest purpose, the real meaning of faith, and that assured victory which awaits the people of God." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publishers.

A medical missionary, captured by Chinese bandits, was taken to their leader's cave in the hills. There was no doubt in his mind that he would be executed at once, but on his arrival the bandit chieftain was found in the throes of appendicitis and the doctor was ordered to attend him. With cautious anxiety, the other members of the band permitted him to prepare for the operation but watched

Special speakers at the Japan Baptist Mission meeting in August were Dr. J. Winston Crawley, newly elected secretary for the Orient, Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., personnel secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. W. Peyton Thurman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Ky., and Foreign Mission Board member from that state. Rev. West and Dr. Thurman attended the Japan meeting while on a tour of Southern Baptist mission fields. (The Mission is composed of all Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan).

Dr. Crawley's visit to Japan concluded a recent survey trip of the eight mission fields in Asia since his election as secretary.

Following his report on Asia in which he stressed the present urgency of advance in the eight fields the Japan Mission adopted a special resolution calling upon Southern Baptists to "pray to God for the earliest possible appointment of qualified volunteers both from the seminaries and the pastorate to these areas of great need."

Expressing alarm and deep concern over the present slow rate of missionary appointments to the fields of the world, the Japan Mission implored Southern Baptists to "heed the call of Christ for Asia and the entire lost world."

The 1954 Mission meeting was held at the new Amagi Baptist Assembly on the Izu Peninsula near Mt. Fuji. Dedicated early this year, the assembly was built with funds from the Tokyo-Yokohama Southern Baptist Military Fellowships, the Foreign Mission Board, and the Japan Convention churches.

Advance under an expanding program of evangelism for Japan highlighted the planning and spirit of the meeting. Realizing the great need for mutual understanding and co-operation between the Mission and the national convention, the Mission invited two leaders from the convention to lead a forum on missionary-pastor relationships.

Buntaro Kimura, president of the convention, and Kenji Otani, chairman of evangelism, led discussions on field adjustments of missionaries and co-operation in evangelism looking toward wider usefulness of the missionary in the evangelistic plans of the national convention.

A. L. (Pete) Gillespie, missionary at Osaka, was elected chairman of the Mission.

him carefully as they handed him the knife which had been designated for his execution. The missionary cleansed it, purified it over the flames of the camp fire, and proceeded to restore the dying bandit's life. These desperate men could readily understand the doctor's ability to cure. They had no difficulty in accepting his willingness to do so as a bargain for his own life. The thing they could not comprehend, however, was that he could take the same knife dedicated to his own death, purify it and employ it as the instrument for giving life to his enemy. So we can also turn evil into good and thus re-enact the first word from the Cross of Christ. From THE MIRACLE OF THE CROSS by Robert R. Brown (Fleming H. Revell Co.).

